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In re Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 1764 Patrick N. Matthews et al. Application No.: 10/740,265 Examiner: ELLEN M MCAVOY Filing Date: December 17, 2003 Confirmation No.: 1917 Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING CLATHRATE HYDRATE BLOCKAGE FORMATION IN FLOW LINES BY ENHANCING WATER CUT PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: The following extension of time is requested to: Respond to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006 for **⋈** \$ 450 \$ 225 Two Months to October 1, 2006 The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated An Extension fee in the amount of \$ 450 is enclosed. \bowtie Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. Charge \$ 450 to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. \boxtimes The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate. Respectfully submitted, 00000001 10740265 **BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC**

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